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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION OF 1113.

Saturday, 23rd July 1938.
8th Karkadagam 1113.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs T. K. Nayar, C. S. Sadasiva Ayyar, L. M. Pylee, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and S. S. Koder were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

WORKS DONE BY THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT IN VELLARAPILLY DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS.

95. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) what works have been done in Vellarapilly by the department of Agriculture during the last three years;

(*b*) whether they will be good enough to open a Veterinary Hospital in Sreemoolanagaram and whether a Stud Bull could be provided there for the benefit of Vellarapilly?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: (*a*) Demonstration in sugar-cane cultivation was carried on in private lands in two centres, viz., Chowwara and Malayattur in 1110, 1111 and 1112. These centres were changed and another one added in the current year, these being at Chowwara, Edanad and Malayattur.

A sugar-cane mill was got down and lent to ryots at Malayattur in 1113.

Manurial demonstration in paddy in private lands were carried on in two centres, i. e., Malayattur and Chowwara in 1110 to 1112. The centres were changed and made into four in 1113, these being at Malayattur, Chungal, Vadakkumbhagom and Chowwara.

Trials with Cochin I (selected seeds of Chittani) started in 1109 were being continued. New stock of this seed are distributed every year for trial to select farmers. A large acreage is

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now under this strain of paddy in both Malayattur and Vellarapilly, i. e., about 70 acres now.

Demonstration of spraying Bordeaux mixture for arecanut mahali was carried out in a few private gardens in 1110 and a few machines were lent by the department to the ryots in that year. The disease is now under control.

A teacher, who was trained in Agriculture (Mr. P. Poulose of the St. Mary's School, Malayattur), is from this year engaged to give Agricultural advice to ryots in Malayattur and Vellarapilly in his off duty hours.

A survey of the arecanut leaf disease prevalent in Malayattur was made this year and the disease is under investigation by the Economic Botanist and the Plant Pathologist of the cocoanut leaf disease Research scheme.

All leaflets published by the department have been distributed in the area and many requests for advice on Agricultural matters attended to.

Two lectures were also delivered at the instance of Co-operative Societies of the locality one on Live Stock improvements in 1111 at Kizhakkumbhagom and another in 1112 on manures and manuring at Kanjur.

(*b*) There are already two Veterinary Hospitals and a camp Hospital in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk. The Government cannot afford to open another Hospital in the Taluk. There are Touring Veterinary Inspectors to attend to the urgent calls of the ryots.

Stud Bull can be given free on loan to any private individuals, Co-operative Society or Panchayat for maintenance according to the rules framed by the Government, or, a grant not exceeding Rs. 100 per year can be given if any one offers to purchase and maintain a bull of good pedigree. The Government are not able now to station a Stud Bull at their expense.

KIZHAKKE-CHALAKKUDI-PARIYARAM ROAD— CONSTRUCTION OF.

96. Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the necessity of connecting Kizhakke-Chalakkudi-Pariyaram road with the Pariyaram Church road;

(*b*) is not three-fourths of this road now completed;

(*c*) what is the distance yet to be covered by this road, for reaching the Pariyaram Church road?

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